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MAHATHIR CLOCKS 48 MINS IN JOGATHON

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 20 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad clocked 48.28 minutes in the 4.2km jogathon organised by Bakti, the welfare and charity body of wives of ministers, deputy ministers and parliamentary secretaries, here today.

He came third in the senior veteran category for those above 56.

Former parliamentary secretary to the International Trade and Industry Ministry Datuk K.S.Nijhar emerged first in that category followed by Science, Technology and Environment Minister Datuk Law Hieng Ding in second spot.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, cabinet ministers, deputy ministers, parliamentary secretaries and their families took part in the jogathon held to raise funds for Bakti's coffers.

The jogathon started and ended at Parliament Square after the participants jogged through the road leading to the National Monument and Wisma Tani.

Former deputy Information Minister Datuk Ng Cheng Kuai came first in the men junior veteran category for those aged 41 to 55 with Deputy Education Minister Datuk Khalid Yunus and Entrepreneur Development Minister Datuk Mustapa Mohamed in the second and third placings respectively.

Bakti's charity projects are held once in two years to enable the body headed by the Prime Minister's wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali to provide financial aid to the needy, victims of disasters, educational and medical institutions.

Between October 1994 and July this year, Bakti has given out financial assistance amounting to more than RM9 million, said Dr Siti Hasmah in her speech before the prize-giving.

"In the past six months, Bakti has donated more than 25 motorcycles for the handicapped and next month, some 300 students from primary, secondary and upper secondary schools nationwide will receive bursaries for the 1996/97 academic year," she said.

She said contributions by corporate bodies, companies and individuals to Bakti amounted to RM5.1 million. -- BERNAMA

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